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**LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE TAX SEMINAR FOR
VISALIA NONPROFIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

Bill Leonard, Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with Senator Roy Ashburn and Assembly Member Bill Maze, is sponsoring a free one-day tax seminar to assist nonprofit and exempt organizations in the Visalia area.

Leonard encourages those involved with nonprofit and tax exempt organizations to attend and learn how tax laws and reporting requirements affect their operations. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes, and other relevant tax laws for nonprofit organizations.

Experts from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, and the Internal Revenue Service will be on hand to assist attendees.

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: The Visalia Convention Center
303 E. Acequia Avenue
Visalia, CA 93291

Those wishing to attend may register online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm. For more information, please call (916) 341-7389.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected to his first term as Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects almost \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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